

Yes. He has submitted reports on all the schemes except Nos. 3 and 8.

Reports on schemes 1, 4, 5, 9 and 10 submitted by the Chief Engineer are placed on the Council Table. The others are being scrutinised by him.

The projects investigated in the Mukundapuram Taluk are :—

1. Karuvannur Scheme (in Trichur Taluk also)
2. Thamarachal Padom Scheme.
3. Kurumali Scheme.
4. Opening of a thodu from the Muriyad lake to the Murkanad Kayal.
5. Chalakkudi Scheme.
6. Opening of a thodu from the Muriyad lake to Kakka-thuruthi.

Of these, the Chalakkudi Scheme was only partly investigated and it was suspended pending investigation and completion of the other schemes. None has been definitely decided to be carried out this year.

**Amount spent for the improvement of the
Ernakulam foreshore.**

459. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) what amount has been spent for the Park on the foreshore known as Irwin Park;

(2) out of the amount of Rs. 32,910—4—0 spent up to the end of Vrischigam 1105 on the Ernakulam Foreshore, what amounts were spent,

(i) on the roads, and (ii) what amount on the walls and side walks, etc., and what amount on the lights, (iii) iron fencing;

(3) who were the contractors;

(4) were tenders called for; if not, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the procedure they adopted in this case;

(5) will the Government be pleased to state the date on which they received authentic information regarding the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy mentioned in answer (d) of question No. 176;

(6) will the Government be further pleased to state how many Standing Finance Committee Meetings were held since they knew of the Viceroy's visit to the arrival of His Excellency;

(7) will the Government be pleased to state why the amount of Rs. 32,910—4—0 was not placed before the Standing Finance

Committee for consideration and (ii) why a statement under section 16 (9) to cover this expenditure has not been placed before the House?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The total amount spent for the improvement of the Foreshore including the Park up to the end of Meenam 1105, Rs. 48,093.

(2) Approximately:—

Roads	Rs. 6,527.
Walls, etc.	Rs. 12,526.
Lights	Rs. 3,604.
Fencing	Rs. 10,250.

(3) Mr. S. Sitarama Ayyar was the contractor for the improvement of foreshore.

(4) No. The work had to be done urgently before the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy.

(5) 7th May 1929.

(6) One in Karkadagam 1104.

(7) (i) The idea had not matured at the time.

(ii) No case arose for placing a statement under section 16 (9).

Mr. A. B. Salem.—From answer to (5) it is seen that Government knew of His Excellency's visit on 7th May 1929; and if so, may I know when these works were first mooted?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was decided to take up the work after Chingam 1105.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is August. May I know when the works were actually taken in hand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In that month, in August.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—And the work was begun in August?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know the date of the contract, Sir?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Orders were given to the contractor to start the work in Chingam.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The date of the contract?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is said that the idea had not matured at the time. May I know what is the time meant there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is in Karkadagam 1104.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Between Karkadagam and December how many Finance Committee Meetings were held?

President.—Not one meeting was held.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The answer is given in (6).

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Since this, no meetings were held?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know why it was not summoned, if this work was impending?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Were there any other contractors than Mr. Sitarama Ayyar for the work? Were the Government in negotiation with any of their scheduled contractors?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We considered the suitability of the other contractors to do the work.

Prescription of Text-Books.

460. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(1) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a letter of Mr. K. J. Antony, Member of Palluruthy, sent with a cutting of the 'Dharmadeepika' regarding the Text-Book Committee, etc;

(2) if so, what action did the Government take on it;

(3) have the Government cared to verify the contents of the letter and the articles along with the files of the T. B. C. and the Board of Studies; and if so, will the Government be pleased to append all the papers along with the questionnaire;

(4) is it a fact that the Kerala Readers prescribed are only the old Chintamani Readers in a new form and name;

(5) has not this fact been brought to the notice of the Government and the President of the Committee by the members; even after the due information, did the Government take any action on the petition and with what result; if no action was taken, what are the reasons for the Government's keeping silence;

(6) what was the intention of the Government in nominating two of the Members of this House to the T. B. C. and the Board of Studies; will the Government be pleased to append a record of work since their nomination;

(7) was any of the defects, if any, brought to the notice of the Government by any of these members; and if so, what action did the Government take to remedy them;

(8) to whom does the copyright of the Chintamani Readers belong; what was the expense to get the books edited if it was done by the Government;